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SUBJECT: GUB PUBLICIZES APRIL KIDNAPPING OF RUSSIANS

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1. WEEKEND NEWS AND EDITORIALS PROMINENTLY REITERATED THEMES
CITED REFTTEL, AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. INSURGENTS, KMT REMNANTS, IBMND " AND THEIR SPONSORS AND
PROMOTORS ABROAD" ARE CLEARLY MAKING CONCERTED ATTEMPT TO CREATE
INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OUT OF RELEASE OF HKUN HSA AND THE TWO SOVIET
HOSTAGES.

B. LO HSING- HAN IS CONDEMNED FOR HAVING SWITCHED SIDES AFTER
HAVING SIDED WITH GUB AGAINST BCP AND AFTER HAVING SIGNED AN AGREE-
MENT IN APRIL TO DISARM.

C. KKYS ARE ENGAGED IN OPIUM TRAFFICKING, SMUGGLING, BLACK
MARKETING AND OTHER CRIMES, THEIR PREVIOUS VALUE TO GUB THUS
HAVING BEEN LOST. ABOUT 2,000 OF 5,600 KKYS, MISLED BY SELF-
SEEKING LEADERS, DECLINED TO INTEGRATE INTO BURMA ARMY AND HAVE
BECOME INSURGENTS.

D. ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO DISBANDING KKYS IN SHAN STATE WOULD
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HAVE BEEN TO SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE LAW AND ORDER, GUB' S AUTHORITY AND EVEN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE NATION (WORKING PEOPLE' S DAILY" EDITORIAL JUNE 16).

E. GUB' S LONG- STANDING RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ITS NEIGHBORS SHOULD BE RECIPROCATED, BUT RECENT EVENTS HAVE PROVIDED REASONS FOR DOUBTING THAT THIS IS THE CASE.

F. IT IS " UNFORTUNATE" THAT TWO SOVIETS HAVE BEEN DRAWN INTO PLOT TO CREATE COMPLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE, BUT GUB MUST ADHERE TO PRINCIPLES AND WILL NOT GIVE IN TO BLACKMAIL. SOME TIME EARLIER GUB HAD FOREWARNED FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND SPECIALISTS ABOUT NEED TO EXERCISE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS FOR THEIR SECURITY. (SOME ARTICLES ADD COLONEL TIN OO' S EARLIER STATEMENT THAT IT IS DUTY OF HOST COUNTRY TO ENSURE SAFETY OF DIPLOMATS AND FOREIGN EXPERTS).

G. ACCORDING TIN OO, NO EVIDENCE AS YET OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN IBMND ACTIVITIES AND U NU' S EXPATRIATE GROUP, WHICH IN DISARRAY. NOTING THAT U NU PLANNING LECTURE TOUR IN US ARRANGED BY RICHARD BUTWELL, WHILE HIS LIEUTENANTS GOING THEIR OWN WAY, TIN OO ADDED, " OF COURSE, WE WILL NOT PUT IT ABOVE UNSCRUPULOUS MEN, WHO HAVE AVOWED TO TAKE HELP EVEN FROM THE DEVIL, TO MAKE CONNECTION WITH ANYBODY."

2. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

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